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Order 2000-6-18



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Served: June 30,

Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 28th day of June, 2000

Agreement among Member Carriers of the
INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION
6694
concerning passenger services matters

Docket OST-99-
R-11

ORDER

By this order, we vacate Order 2000-6-2 insofar as it approved changes to Recommended Practice (R.P.) 1778 (Corporate Client Identification Service), incorporated in an agreement among various members of the International Air Transport Association (IATA).¹ The agreement was adopted at the Twenty-first IATA Passenger Service Conference held in Bangkok October 12-14, 1999. IATA has indicated to us that it has withdrawn the notice of effectiveness of amended R.P. 1778.

On February 11, 2000, the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA) submitted an answer opposing R.P. 1778, and on February 24, 2000, IATA submitted a reply to ASTA. On May 25, 2000, Austin Travel submitted a reply opposing R.P. 1778 by responding to an IATA document explaining the nature of the CCIS to travel agents. The first two pleadings were accompanied by motions to file late, which we grant. The third was served on IATA and we will accept it to supplement the record.

Because of an error in issuance of Order 2000-6-2, we vacate our approval of the amendments to R.P. 1778, and will issue a new order soon treating all the pleadings on the record.

Pursuant to authority assigned by the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.13:

We vacate Order 2000-6-2 insofar as it approved and granted antitrust immunity to R-11 of the agreement in Docket OST-99-6694, and we grant all motions for leave to file.

1/IATA memorandum PSC/RESO/101, filed with the Department on December 21, 1999.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order, under 14 CFR 385.30, may file such petitions within five days after the date of service of this order, this shorter period being justified to prevent confusion. Petitions for review will not stay the effectiveness of this order.

This order shall be effective and become the action of the Department of Transportation upon expiration of the above period, unless the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs gives notice that he will review this order on his own motion.

By:

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Docket OST-00-6694: IATA agreement
Vacating Order 2000-6-2

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Please issue the attached order under assigned authority.

NOTE TO DOCKETS: Please post immediately and close docket.

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Attachment